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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Signed February 6, 2022

United States Bankruptcy Judge

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1

Reorganized Debtor.

MARC S. KIRSCHNER, AS LITIGATION TRUSTEE OF THE LITIGATION SUB-TRUST,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES D. DONDERO; MARK A. OKADA; SCOTT ELLINGTON; ISAAC LEVENTON; GRANT JAMES SCOTT III; FRANK WATERHOUSE; STRAND ADVISORS, INC.; NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.; HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P.; DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST AND NANCY DONDERO, AS TRUSTEE OF DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST; GET GOOD TRUST AND GRANT JAMES SCOTT III, AS TRUSTEE OF GET GOOD TRUST; HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST; MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST — EXEMPT

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-34054-sgj11

Adv. Pro. No. 21-03076-sgj

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the Reorganized Debtor's taxpayer identification number are (8357). The Reorganized Debtor is a Delaware limited partnership. The Reorganized Debtor's headquarters and service address are 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

TRUST #1 AND LAWRENCE TONOMURA AS TRUSTEE OF MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1; MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2 AND LAWRENCE TONOMURA IN HIS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2; CLO HOLDCO, LTD.; CHARITABLE DAF HOLDCO, LTD.; CHARITABLE DAF HOLDCO, LTD.; CHARITABLE DAF FUND, LP.; HIGHLAND DALLAS FOUNDATION; RAND PE FUND I, LP, SERIES 1; MASSAND CAPITAL, LLC; MASSAND CAPITAL, INC.; SAS ASSET RECOVERY, LTD.; AND CPCM, LLC,

Defendants.

# ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT JAMES DONDERO

On this date, the Court considered the *Unopposed Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Defendant James Dondero* (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> filed by Clay M. Taylor, Bryan C. Assink, and the firm of Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones LLP (collectively, "Withdrawing Attorneys"), requesting that this Court authorize the Withdrawing Attorneys to withdraw as counsel for Defendant James Dondero ("Mr. Dondero") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding. Upon consideration of the Motion and the fact that Mr. Dondero is unopposed to the Motion, the Court finds that the Motion is well taken and should be granted. Accordingly, the Court finds that just cause exists for entry of the following order. It is therefore **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The Motion is hereby **GRANTED**.
- 2. Withdrawing Attorneys are permitted to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Dondero in the above-captioned adversary proceeding and are deemed withdrawn effective as of the entry of this Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

- 3. The Clerk of this Court and all parties are directed to remove Withdrawing Attorneys as attorneys for Mr. Dondero on the docket in this adversary proceeding and any applicable service list.
- 4. The withdrawal effectuated by this Order does not impact the firm's representation of Mr. Dondero in the main bankruptcy case or any other adversary proceeding.

### End of Order ###

Approved as to form and substance by:

/s/ Amy. L. Ruhland

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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

Kirschner,

**Plaintiff** Adv. Proc. No. 21-03076-sgj

Dondero,

Defendant

#### CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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dft + Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, c/o E. P Keiffer, Rochelle McCullough, LLP, 325 North St. Paul St., Suite 4500, Dallas, TX

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### NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Feb 09, 2022 Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

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